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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the section beginning at page 5, line 16:

To achieve the above object, one aspect of the present invention is an identification number managing apparatus, comprising:

Please replace the section beginning at page 6, line 6:

Further, another aspect of the present invention is the invention mentioned above, characterized in that said plurality pieces of IEEE1394 equipment are configured as one product,

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 12:

Further, still another aspect of the present invention is the identification